

in Albany, NY; and with the advanced technical skills that will be needed in the workplace in the year 2000, it is becoming clear that minority and working class children face a very troubling future. To fight these destructive forces we must make new efforts to teach our children how important a good education is to their future. We must do more to reward our children when they exhibit academic excellence. The exceptional performance of the Clara Barton champions in a nationwide competition once again proves that the Bell Curve theory of racial inferiority is a big lie.

The team at Clara Barton High School represents a magnificent Point-of-Light and serves as an inspiring success story for all young people and all of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 1995

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I missed several rollcall votes in order to attend my son's graduation ceremony in Buffalo. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcalls 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, and 377, and "no" on rollcalls 378 and 379.

TRIBUTE TO MARINE LANCE CPL. JUSTIN LEWIS

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 1995

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, some are called heroes because they can sing a song or put a leather ball through an iron hoop. But every now and then, real heroes come along. People who sacrifice everything in the name of liberty and protecting the American way. People who don't stop to think about being a hero, but instead understand that if they don't do their job, lives will be lost.

One of those heroes is from the fourth District of Michigan, and his name is Marine Lance Cpl. Justin Lewis.

Justin, who graduated from Midland Dow High School, was one of the 61 member 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit that rescued pilot Scott O'Grady in Bosnia. After the dramatic rescue, Justin told his mother, Linda, that "we didn't have time to be scared, we just did it."

When Justin's chopper lifted off the rescue sight, a surface-to-air missile missed the aircraft by about a foot. Bullets flew by and it was a narrow escape. But Justin Lewis and the rest of that unit went in, did their job, and made the rescue. They were not expecting to become heroes, but I can't think of many people who deserve the title more.

What Scott O'Grady went through in the name of our country is heroic, to say the least. His courage and ability to adapt is an inspiration to every American. His commitment and the actions of the members of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, including Justin Lewis, truly define the meaning of heroes.

TRIBUTE TO M. EDWARD KELLY

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 1995

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding civic leader of Illinois' 14th Congressional District, M. Edward Kelly, on his forthcoming retirement.

Ed Kelly has served since December of 1976 as the executive vice president of the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce. The list of accomplishments during his long career are many, and there are many States across this Nation that are better for his service there. Born and raised in Parkersburg, WV, he graduated from Marietta College in Marietta, OH and entered the field of organization management in 1955. He began his professional career with the Benton Harbor-Saint Joseph's Chamber of Commerce in Michigan, and managed chambers in Oshkosh, WI and Springfield, MO before settling in Elgin, IL.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Kelly has been a valued member of the Elgin community for years, and his list of civic and professional activities is a long one. A former director of the YMCA corporate board, Miss Illinois Scholarship Pageant and Elgin Sesquicentennial Committee, he is also a past president of the Rotary Club of Elgin. To this day he serves as a member of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, as an ex-officio member of the Center City Development Corporation and as a trustee of the Northwest Suburban Mass Transit District.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring this dedicated man, for his commitment to this Nation's businesses and to the Elgin community. I wish my friend the best in his retirement. His experience and dedication have served the people of Elgin well.

HIGH RISK DRIVERS ACT OF 1995

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 1995

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about a matter of great importance to our Nation and especially to our youth.

Many of us read every day about the tragedy that accompanies driving while intoxicated [DWI], speeding, foregoing seatbelts, and other risky behavior on the part of our Nation's young drivers. During the 103d Congress, I introduced legislation with the purpose of reducing these senseless tragedies. Today, I proudly reintroduced this important legislation, the High Risk Drivers Act of 1995, and hope my colleagues will join in this worthy effort by becoming a cosponsor.

The High Risk Drivers Act of 1995 sets up an incentive grant program to encourage States to implement programs designed to improve the traffic safety performance of high risk drivers. To qualify for incentive grants, States would have to establish a provisional licensing system which mandates that a minor may not obtain a full license until the young driver has held a provisional license for more than a year with a perfect driving record.

In addition, States would have to take a number of the following steps to qualify for a grant, including establishing a .02 blood alcohol content [BAC] maximum for minors; mandating seat belt use for all passengers in a motor vehicle; a use-and-lose provision which would cost any young driver his or her license for 6 months if convicted of purchasing or possessing alcohol; a youth-oriented traffic safety enforcement, education, and training program for State officials and young persons; a mandatory minimum penalty of \$500 for selling alcohol to a minor; development of a procedure to ensure that traffic records, both instate and out-of-State, are available to the appropriate government officials; and a prohibition on open containers of alcohol in the passenger compartment of any vehicle on a public highway, except for chartered buses.

In addition, a supplemental grant program would be available to States which took steps such as providing information to parents on the effect of traffic convictions on insurance rates and providing stricter penalties for speeding for drivers under the age of 21.

As we all know, underage drinking and driving is an all-too-frequent deadly combination which we read about seemingly every day in our local newspapers. We must work together to help solve this problem, and the High Risk Drivers Act of 1995 will be an important step in this effort.

Mr. Speaker, I urge each and every one of my colleagues here in the House to join as a cosponsor of the High Risk Drivers Act of 1995, and help to ensure passage of this important and needed legislation.

POETIC TRIBUTE TO THE YOUNG VICTIMS OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING

HON. BOB FRANKS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 1995

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, recently I received a poem in the mail from a constituent I represent, Ms. Paula McCoy-Pinderhughes of Somerset, NJ. This poem was inspired by the tragic Oklahoma City bombing, and is dedicated to the children who lost their lives on that fateful day.

Mr. Speaker, perhaps the worst aspect of this senseless tragedy is the long-term impact it will have on our Nation's young. Ms. Pinderhughes' poem is touching and poignant, and I commend it to my colleagues' attention.

OUR CHILDREN

Our children are beyond the colors of the rainbow

They shine as bright as the evening star
Have you really stopped to think of what they give to us

Each time they stare into our eyes from near or far.

Our children turn to us in times of sadness

When their tiny world begins to fall apart
All that's required is a hug to give security

A little kiss upon the head straight from the heart.

Our children want the answers to all life's questions

You explain that time reveals all hidden things

How far is space? When did time start? How did I get here?